**Use of Stamping technology in Collieries**

6341. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether stamping technology has improved the production of coal in Jama Doba colliery;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to be introduced in other coal mines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Jama Doba colliery belongs to M/s Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO), and they have informed that the "Stamping" technology is not applied for production of coal. This technology has been introduced for making of coke for the use in their Steel Plant.

**Development of Tourism at Simliphal Hill in Orissa**

6342. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government for financial assistance for development of the Simliphal Hill ranges; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). On the basis of proposal received from the Government of Orissa, the Central Department of Tourism has extended financial assistance for construction of forest lodge and purchase of mini buses and elephats for the wild life sanctuary at Simliphal.

**Expenditure on Public Relations by Air India**

6343. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Air India during the last three years in foreign exchange and in Indian currency on public relations other than advertisements etc.; and

(b) the details of expenditure thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air India has incurred the following expenditure during the last 3 years on public relations except advertisements:

| *Year* | *India* | *Foreign* | *Total* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | *(Rupees in Lakhs)* | |
| *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* |
| 1987/88 | 1.77 | 8.04 | 9.81 |
| 1988/89 | 3.84 | 11.98 | 15.82 |
| 1989/90 | 7.72 | 24.04 | 31.76 |